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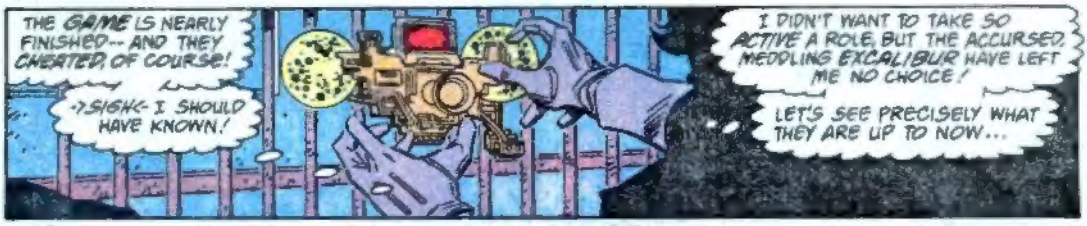
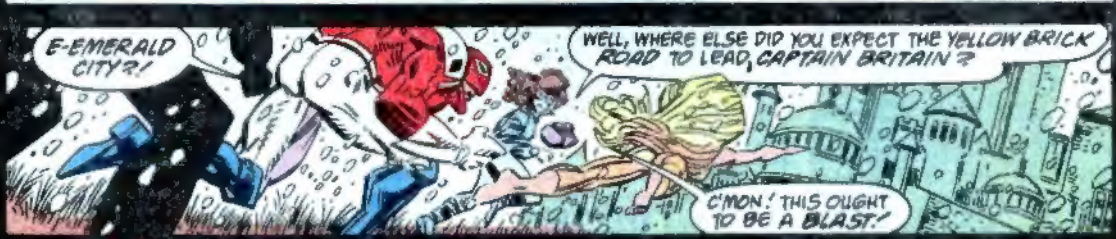


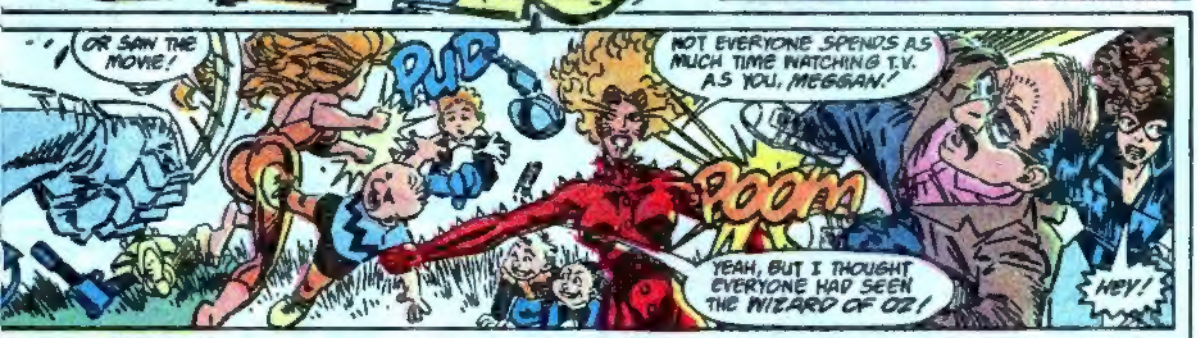


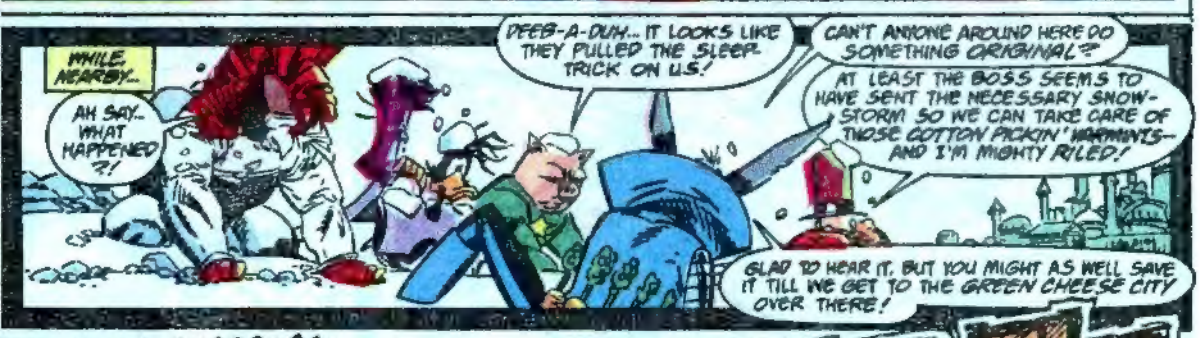
EXCALIBUR in HAVING A WILD WEEKEND--PART 8

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

KINDA GOT A FEELING THAT WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE ROOF'S ABOUT TO CAVE IN ON US!
THE ROOF?! MORE LIKE THE WHOLE HOUSE!
I DON'T THINK THEY READ THE BOOK!
KPOW
I KNEW IT!
I KNEW IT!
NO ONE BUT THAT JOKER COULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND THIS MADNESS!
AND SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO PUT ON HIS RUBY PLATFORM SHOES!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, CAPTAIN?
I'M NOT SURE, NIGHTCRAWLER--
--BUT AS WELL AS I CAN FIGURE WE'RE... ER... OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD!
?!

HEY, IF YOU GUYS ARE MUNCHKINS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FRIENDLY-- GIVE US A WARM WELCOME!


OR SAW THE MOVIE!
PUD
NOT EVERYONE SPENDS AS MUCH TIME WATCHING T.V. AS YOU, MEGGAN!
POOM
YEAH, BUT I THOUGHT EVERYONE HAD SEEN THE WIZARD OF OZ!
HEY!


WHILE NEARBY...
AH SAY.. WHAT HAPPENED ?!
DEEB-A-DUH... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY PULLED THE SLEEP TRICK ON US!
CAN'T ANYONE AROUND HERE DO SOMETHING ORIGINAL?
AT LEAST THE BOSS SEEMS TO HAVE SENT THE NECESSARY SNOW-STORM SO WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE COTTON PICKIN' VARMINTS-- AND I'M MIGHTY RILED!
GLAD TO HEAR IT. BUT YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAVE IT TILL WE GET TO THE GREEN CHEESE CITY OVER THERE!

AND...
APPOINTMENT ?!
NATURALLY! NO ONE CAN SEE THE GREAT AND POWERFUL--

STOW IT, BUB!
THIS IS ALL THE APPOINTMENT I NEED!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, PHOENIX... FROM HIM?!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT. IT WAS JUST A PRECAUTION... BUT I'M AFRAID I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOU AT ALL FROM NOW ON.
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, ARCADE!
NICE SPECIAL EFFECTS, ARCADE!
SO GLAD YOU APPRECIATE THEM, SHADOWCAT-- AND I MUST SAY THAT IT WAS VERY NAUGHTY OF YOU TO TAMPER WITH ALL OF MY ELABORATE PLANS!
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN!
I'VE SEEN TO IT THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REVISE ANY OF MY SYSTEMS IN THE FUTURE!
OH, I DON'T THINK THAT WILL BE NECESSARY.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? ARREST ME? HAHAHA!
MY LOONIES DEFEATED YOU ONCE. THE ONLY REASON THEY DIDN'T KILL YOU THEN WAS THAT I WANTED TO HAVE SOME FUN. YOU RUINED THAT -- AND NOW YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE!
HERE WE GO AGAIN, TEAM!
TAKE IT EASY, C.B.!

SKRASH
OH,NO?!

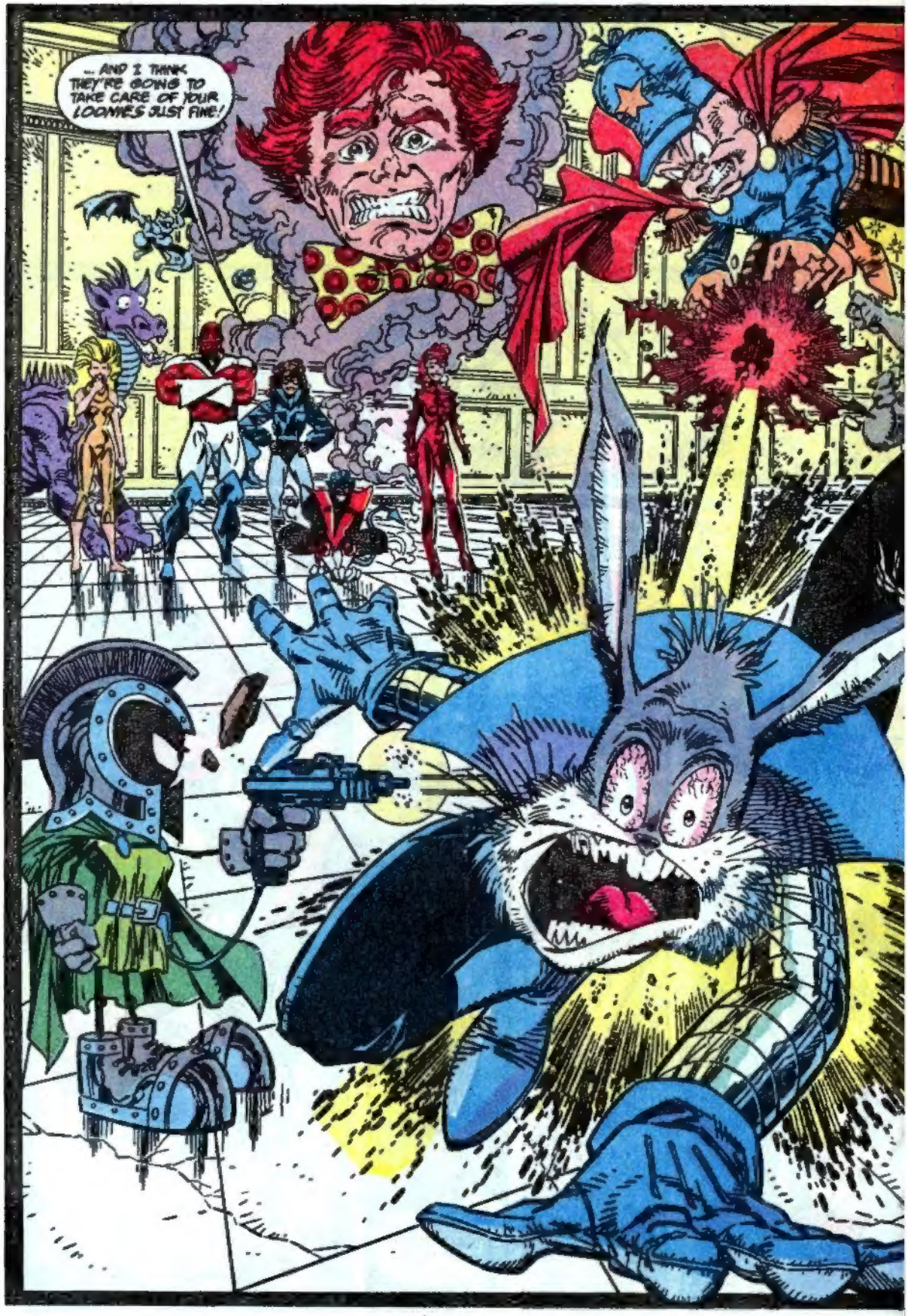
THIS ENTIRE SCENARIO IS ABOUT TO END, MADMAN!
TISH-TISH! IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET AN OLD FRIEND, NIGHTCRAWLER?

NO NEED FOR YOU TO MOVE A MUSCLE!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WELL, MY WILD-EYED FRIEND, I TOOK A FEW PRECAUTIONS OF MY OWN WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE! A LITTLE "GIFT" FOR YOU!
SOMETHING THAT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY!

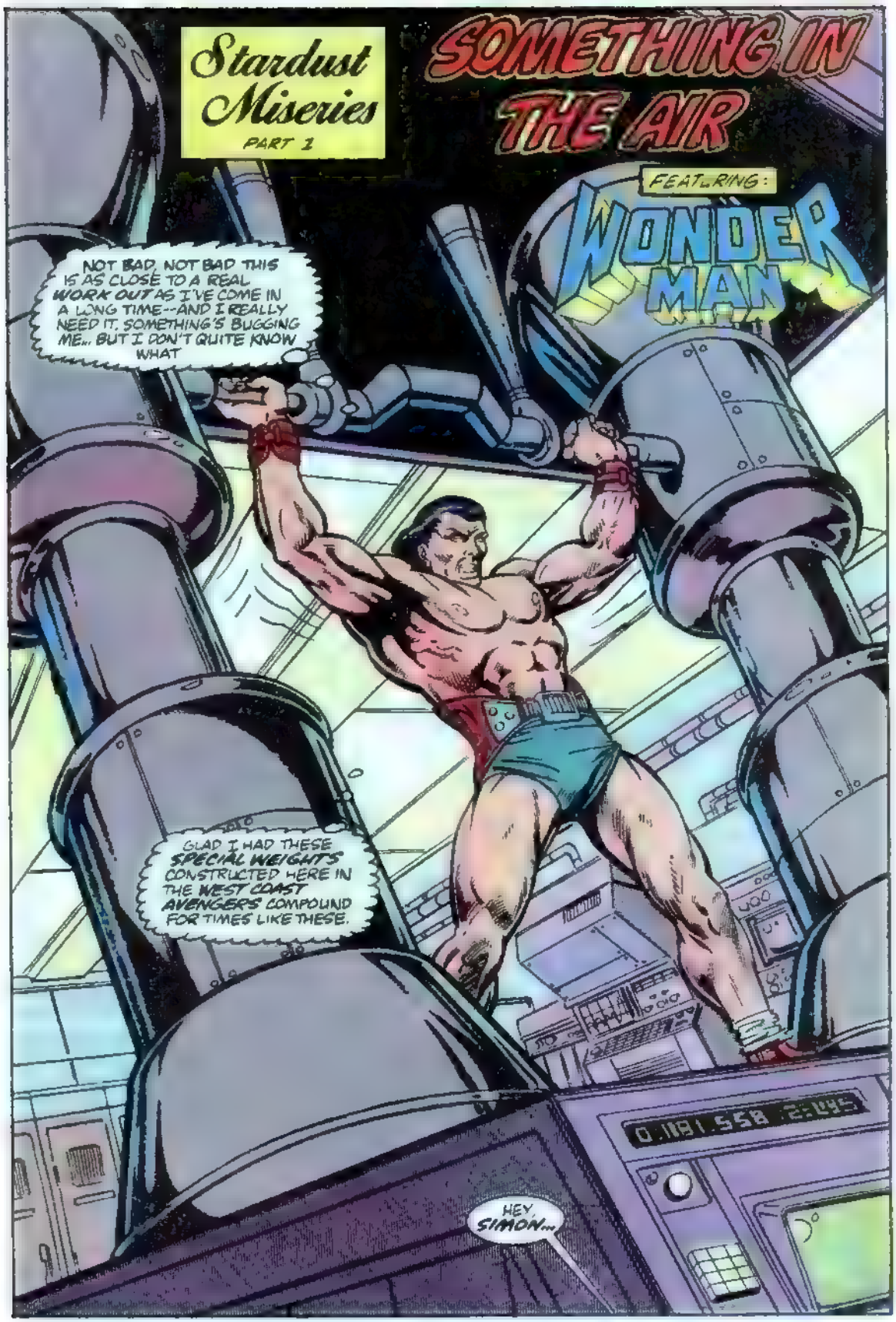
"I CALL THEM THE MERRY MALADIES..."

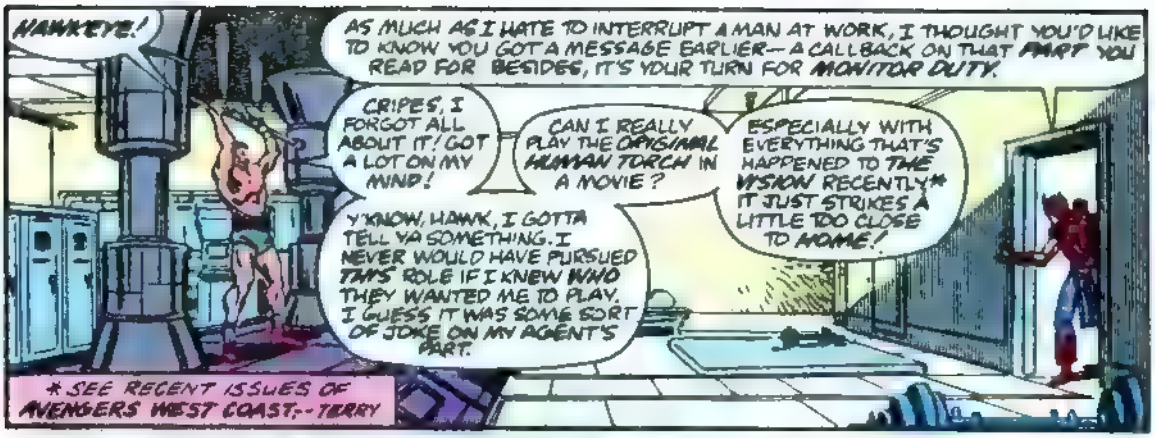

... AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LOONIES JUST FINE!

COME ON, TEAM!
LET'S BLOW THIS JOINT!
AND JUST HOW DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO THAT?
COME NOW, CAPTAIN...
...YOU MUST HAVE SOME FAITH IN ME BY NOW!

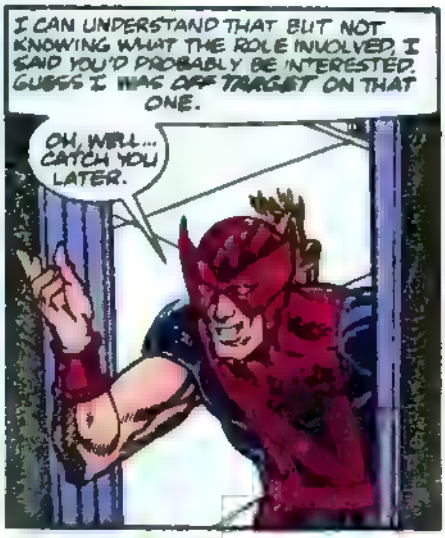
KSMASH
IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!
KITTY, YOU HAVE SOME WILD IMAGINATION!
LET'S JUST SAY THAT I OWE A LOT TO MY SOURCES!
BYE-BYE, 'CADE!
HOPE YOUR WEEKEND HAS BEEN AS MUCH FUN AS OURS!
YOU WILL RUE THIS DAY, CRETINS!
YOU HAVE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF ME!
WHY DON'T YOU DO US ALL A FAVOR NEXT TIME AND JUST SEND A POSTCARD.

SOON...
THERE IT IS, EXCALIBUR!
IT'S JUST LIKE WAKING UP FROM A BAD DREAM!
AND, DARE I SAY IT...?
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!
TH-TH-THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

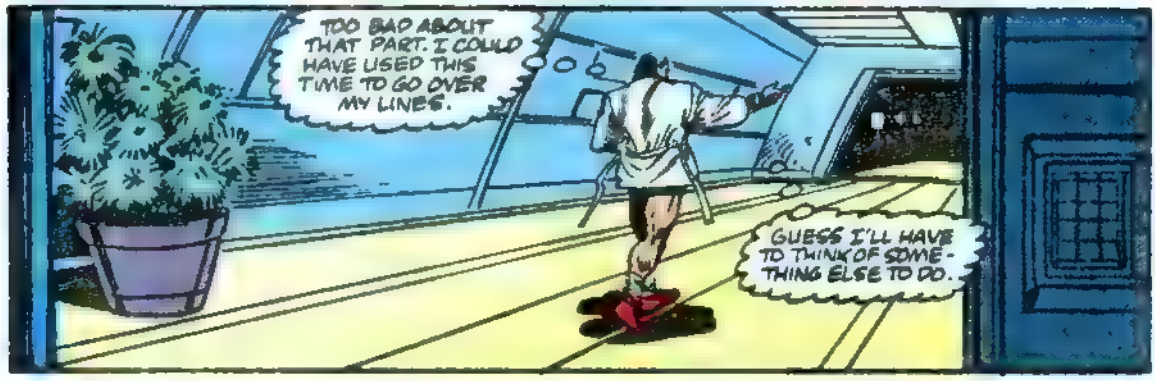

Stardust Miseries
PART 1
SOMETHING IN THE AIR
FEATURING:
WONDER MAN
NOT BAD, NOT BAD THIS IS AS CLOSE TO A REAL WORK OUT AS I'VE COME IN A LONG TIME--AND I REALLY NEED IT. SOMETHING'S BUGGING ME... BUT I DON'T QUITE KNOW WHAT
GLAD I HAD THESE SPECIAL WEIGHTS CONSTRUCTED HERE IN THE WEST COAST AVENGERS COMPOUND FOR TIMES LIKE THESE.
HEY, SIMON...


HAWKEYE!
AS MUCH AS I HATE TO INTERRUPT A MAN AT WORK, I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW YOU GOT A MESSAGE EARLIER— A CALLBACK ON THAT PART YOU READ FOR BESIDES, IT'S YOUR TURN FOR MONITOR DUTY.
CRIPES, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT! GOT A LOT ON MY MIND!
CAN I REALLY PLAY THE ORIGINAL HUMAN TORCH IN A MOVIE?
ESPECIALLY WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO THE VISION RECENTLY* IT JUST STRIKES A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO HOME!
Y'KNOW, HAWK, I GOTTA TELL YA SOMETHING. I NEVER WOULD HAVE PURSUED THIS ROLE IF I KNEW WHO THEY WANTED ME TO PLAY. I GUESS IT WAS SOME SORT OF JOKE ON MY AGENT'S PART.
* SEE RECENT ISSUES OF AVENGERS WEST COAST.--TERRY

THIS IS ONE SUPER HERO WHO'S OPTED AGAINST PLAYING THAT SUPER HERO. I'M JUST GOING TO BOW OUT.
KLANG


I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT BUT NOT KNOWING WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVED, I SAID YOU'D PROBABLY BE INTERESTED. GUESS I WAS OFF TARGET ON THAT ONE.
OH, WELL... CATCH YOU LATER.

SHEESH! MONITOR DUTY. SURE WISH WE HAD A JARVIS OUT HERE ON THE WEST COAST.


TOO BAD ABOUT THAT PART. I COULD HAVE USED THIS TIME TO GO OVER MY LINES.
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.

AND.. MAYBE I'LL CHECK OUT SOME OF MY "PAST PERFORMANCES"

FUNNY, MR. WILLIAMS. YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE THE COMEDY ROUTE.

EXCEPT, WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE ISN'T VERY FUNNY...

...AND AS MUCH AS YOU WISH IT WAS ALL JUST AN ACT-- IT'S NOT!

IT'S HOW IT REALLY HAPPENED...

...AFTER I WAS FORCED INTO THAT EXPERIMENT BY ZEMO, THE EXECUTIONER AND THE ENCHANTRESS-- THE VERY EXPERIMENT THAT TURNED ME INTO WONDER MAN. *

* AVENGERS #9.--TERRY

ONLY, THEY WERE USING ME AS A PAWN IN THEIR INSANE SCHEME TO DESTROY THE AVENGERS!

"AT FIRST I WENT ALONG WITH THEIR PLAN--I WOULD HAVE DIED WITHOUT THE ANTIDOTE TO ZEMO'S IONIC RAYS. I SET OUT TO BETRAY THE AVENGERS!

BUT I COULDN'T BETRAY MY OWN NATURE--I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!

SO I DIED!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME GOES BY, IT'S STILL SO HARD TO BELIEVE!

IF ANYTHING, THE WHOLE THING GETS WEIRDER FROM THERE

LIKE THE WAY MY BODY WAS PRESERVED IN A CAPSULE, AND HOW MY BROTHER--THE GRIM REAPER--EVEN OFFERED IT TO THE VISION ONCE.*

GUESS THAT REALLY WOULD HAVE LEFT ME IN THE COLD.

* AVENGERS #102.--TERRY

"STRANGE FEELING--SUPPOSE ALL OF THIS IS GETTING TO ME. GUESS IT MAKES SENSE

"HOW'S ANYONE SUPPOSED TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT HE'S BEEN DEAD...

...AND RESURRECTED?!

ONE THING'S FOR SURE-- IT CAN'T GET ANY WEIRDER!

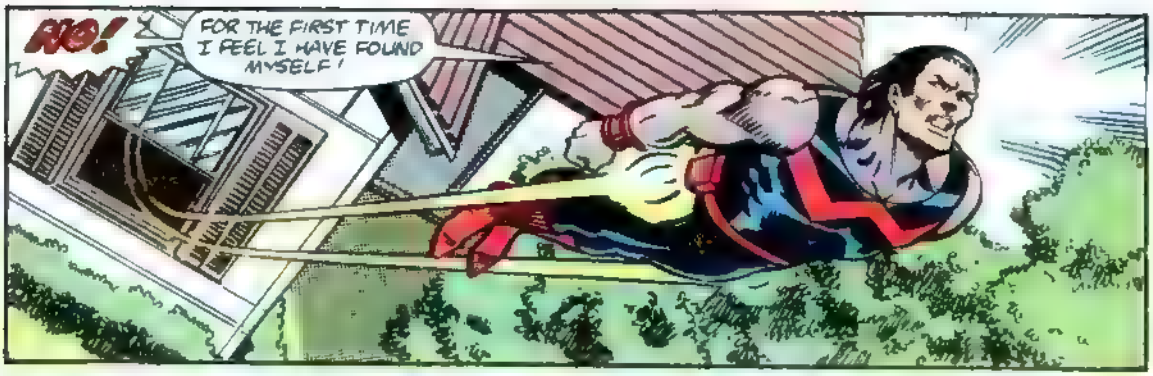
CAN'T IT?

WISH I COULD SHAKE THIS FEELING...

...LIKE MY MIND IS BEING INVADED!

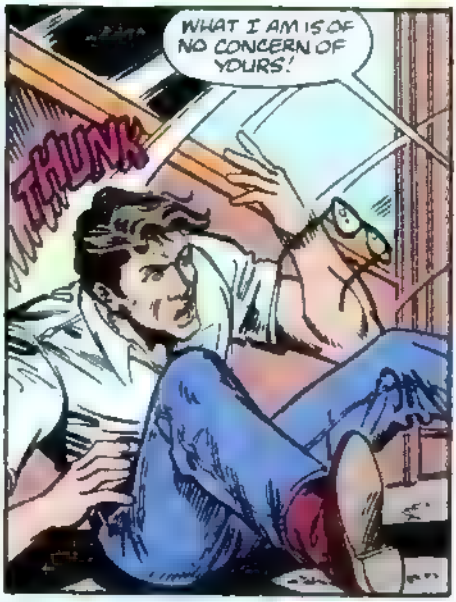
GOT TO FIGHT IT!

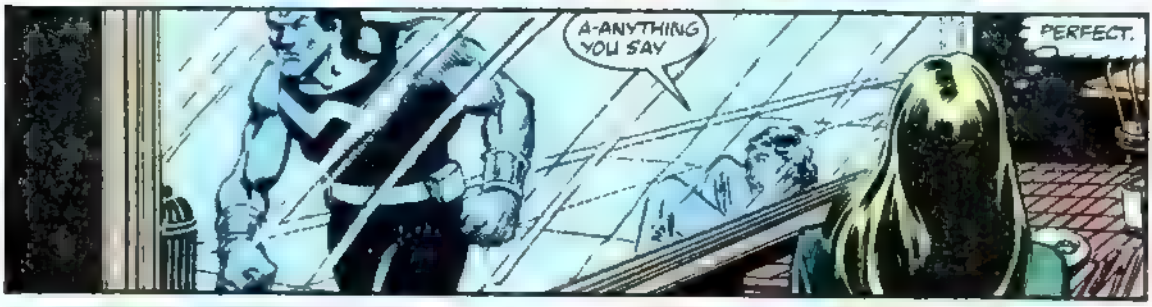
* AVENGERS #151.--TERRY

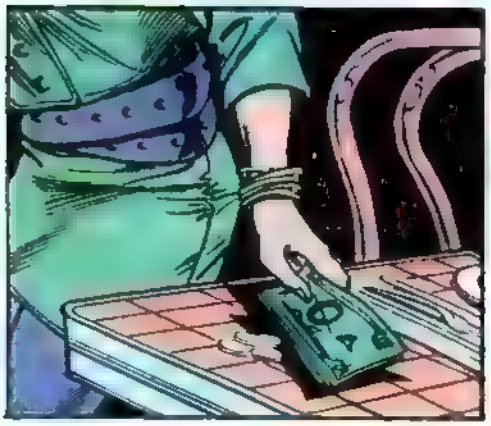

NO!
FOR THE FIRST TIME I FEEL I HAVE FOUND MYSELF!

IT IS AS IF A CLOUD HAS JUST BEEN LIFTED IT IS ALL BECOMING CLEAR!

RONNI'S
HEY, AREN'T YOU--

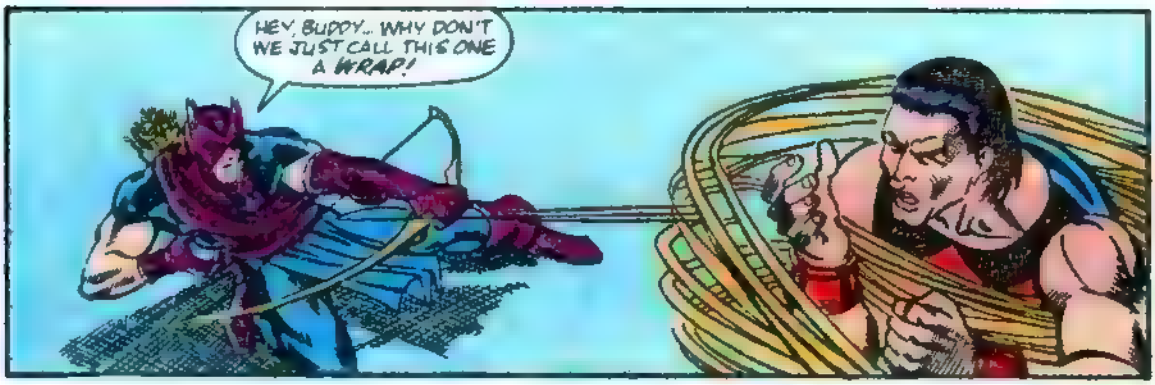

THUNK
WHAT I AM IS OF NO CONCERN OF YOURS!


A-ANYTHING YOU SAY
PERFECT.



PERFECT!
BOUTIQUE

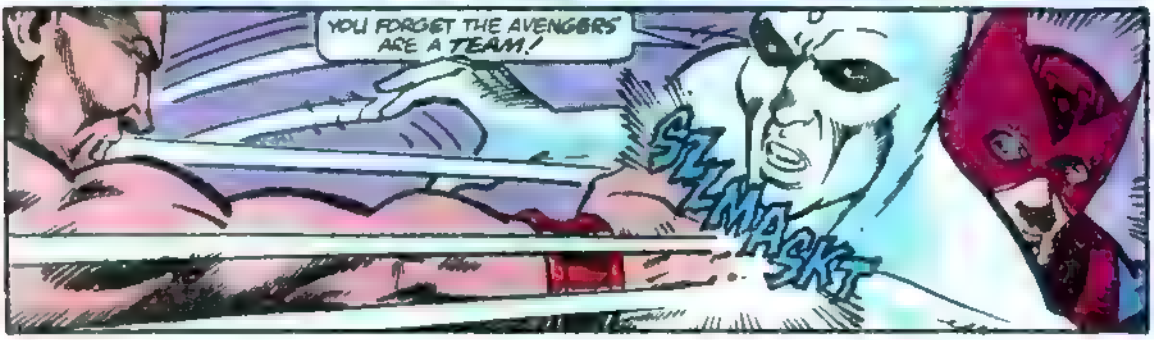
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, CLINT, BUT I JUST CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT SIMON.
IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO DO SOMETHING AS IRRESPONSIBLE AS ABANDONING MONITOR DUTY. WHERE CAN HE BE?
HE'LL SHOW UP--HE'S FINE. THERE HAS TO BE A LOGICAL EXPLANATION--YOU'LL SEE
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!
SIMON! WE WERE SO WORRIED.
YEAH, YEAH. WELL, FORGET ABOUT IT! WHAT I DO IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
SAY, WHAT?
YOUR ATTITUDE IS UNACCEPTABLE--YOUR BEHAVIOR ERRATIC.
PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ACTIONS...
STUFF IT ROBOT!
I AM NOT A ROBOT, BUT A SYNTHEZOID... AN ARTIFICIAL BEING ABLE TO CONTROL MY DENSITY--
KSHANK
I SAID STUFF IT, VISION!


HEY, BUDDY... WHY DON'T WE JUST CALL THIS ONE A WRAP!

OOPS-- I GUESS WE ARE NOT AMUSED.
I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM-- NOT THAT I'M SURE I COULD--BUT I GOTTA TRY SOMETHING STRONGER. EXPLODING ARROW MIGHT JUST SHOCK HIM TO HIS SENSES.

GUESS NOT HOO-BOY-- AM I IN TROUBLE NOW!
FWOOM

YOU RE A DEAD MAN.
INCORRECT ASSUMPTION


YOU FORGET THE AVENGERS ARE A TEAM!
SLAMASH

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS. WE RE--

YOU'RE JUST A LOUSY BUNCH OF LOSERS! THAT'S ALL!

AND I WANT NO PART OF YOU!

SIMON! YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!

GET IT STRAIGHT, WITCH! I'M CALLING IT QUITS!

I DON'T NEED YOU!

I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU!

I DON'T NEED ANYONE!

FROM NOW ON, SIMON WILLIAMS IS A LOMBR!

HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE! CAN'T SEEM TO THINK STRAIGHT!
DON'T REALLY WANT TO HURT THEM
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
GOTTA BE ALONE...
HEY BIG FELLA I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE
HUNH?
YEAH I GUESS I AM NEW AROUND THESE PARTS
WELL, THAT'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO BE A STRANGER.
THIS MIGHT JUST BE YOUR LUCKY DAY
DON'T GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT. I'M ALL YOU'LL EVER NEED!
PERFECT!
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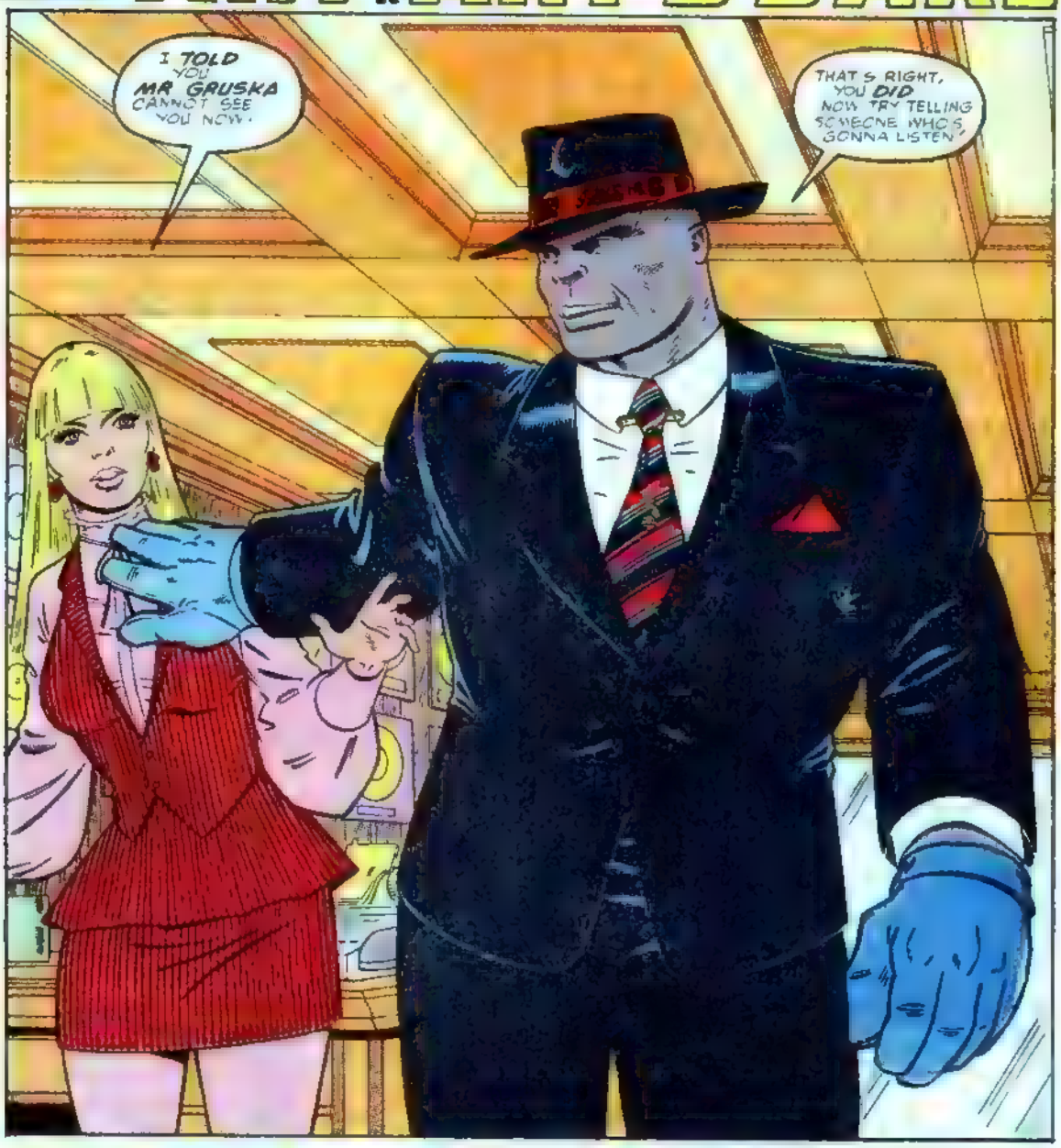
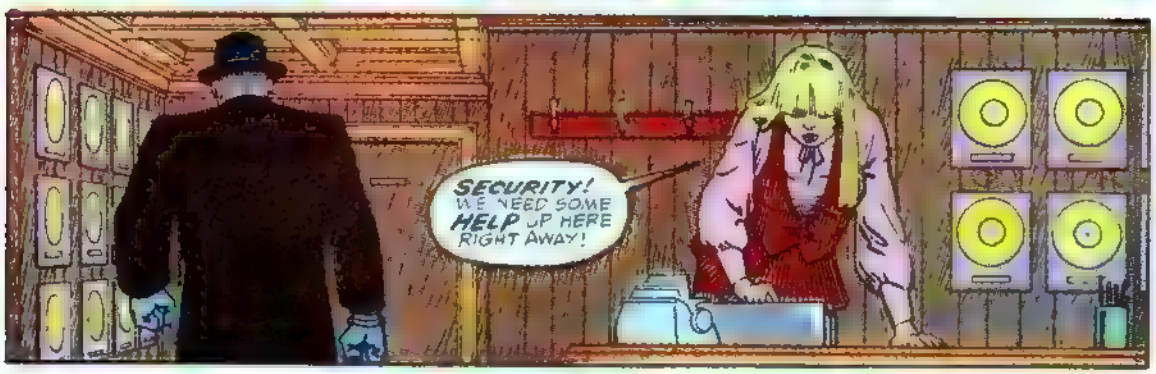
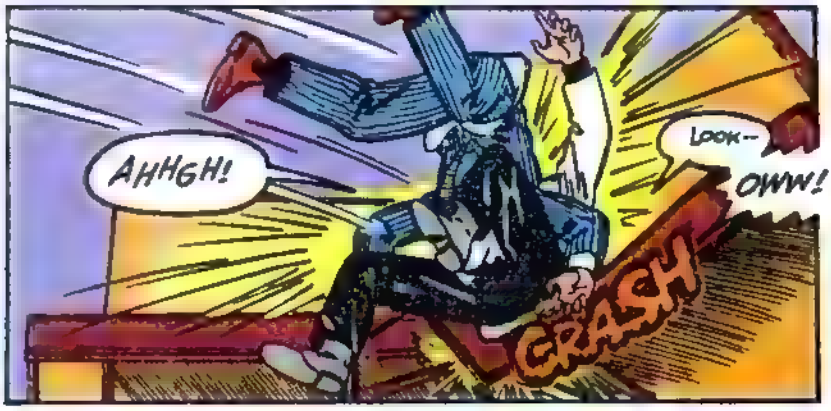




HOLD IT, MISTER!
YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE BUD LET'S GO DOWNSTAIRS AND HAVE A LITTLE TALK A'RIGHT?
YOU GUYS ARE EVEN DUMBER THAN YOU LOOK!
YOU'RE WRINKLING THE SUIT, CHUMP!
WOAH!
BONE MARROW MANAGEMENT
KRASH
I HATE THE MUSIC BUSINESS!
THAT'S ENOUGH, MAN!
THUMP
YEAH! I GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO. ENOUGH OF THIS GARBAGE.
HEYY! OWW! HEYY!
YAAUGGHH!

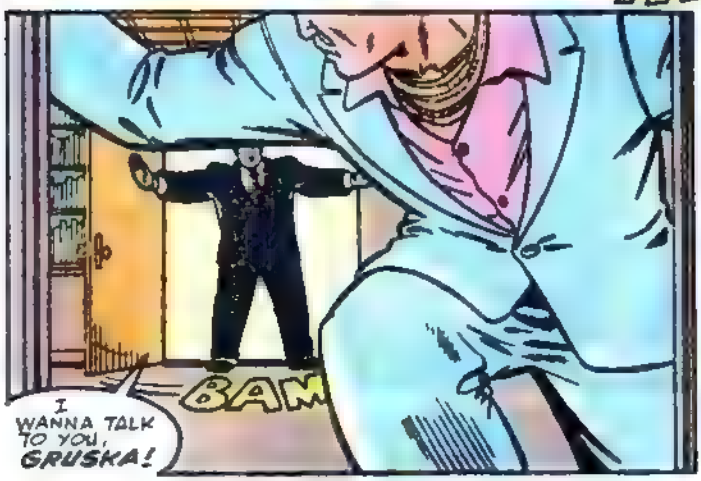

AHHGH!
LOOK--
OWW!
CRASH

EAT THIS, YOU UGLY SLIMP!

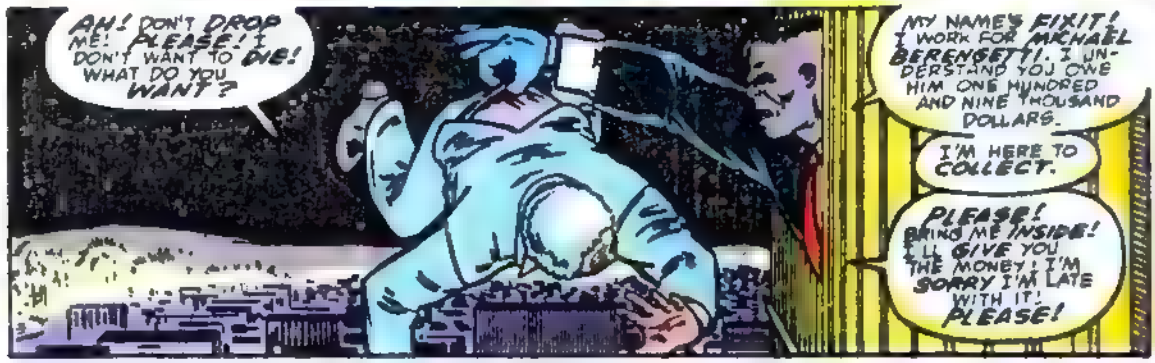
PUNH
OW.

BAM

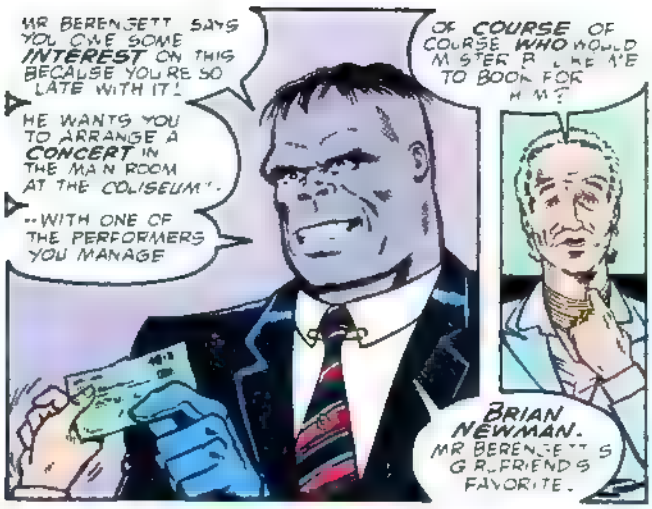
TOUGH GUY, HUH?
RMMPHGK!
KHAK


BAM
I WANNA TALK TO YOU, GRUSKA!

GOING SOMEWHERE?
OH, MY GOD! LET ME GO! WHO ARE YOU?!

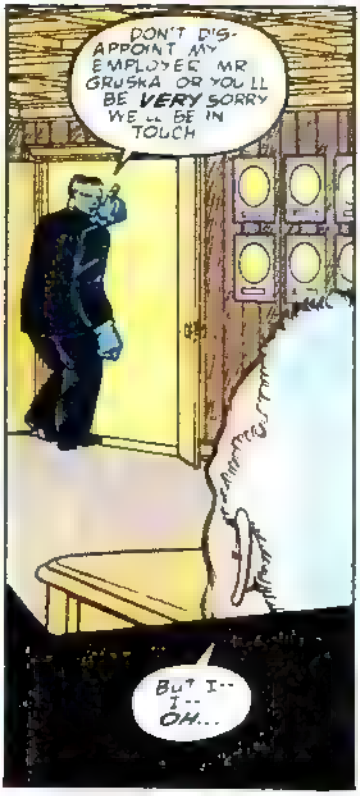

AH! DON'T DROP ME! PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO DIE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MY NAME'S FIXIT! I WORK FOR MICHAEL BERENGETTI. I UNDERSTAND YOU OWE HIM ONE HUNDRED AND NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
I'M HERE TO COLLECT.
PLEASE! BRING ME INSIDE! I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY! I'M SORRY I'M LATE WITH IT! PLEASE!

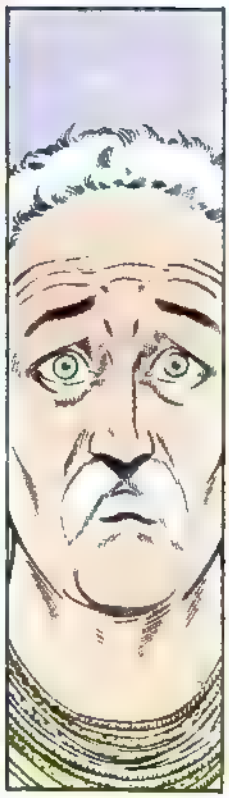
OH THANK YOU. WILL YOU TAKE A CHECK I'M A LITTLE SHORT OF CASH JUST NOW
A CHECK WILL BE FINE. START WRITING.

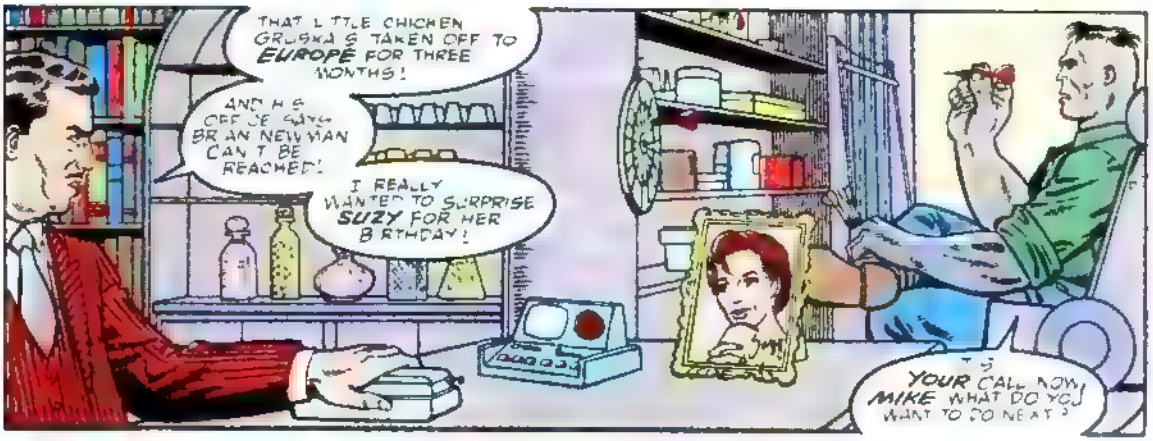

MR BERENGETT SAYS YOU OWE SOME INTEREST ON THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE SO LATE WITH IT!
HE WANTS YOU TO ARRANGE A CONCERT IN THE MAIN ROOM AT THE COLISEUM!
..WITH ONE OF THE PERFORMERS YOU MANAGE
OF COURSE OF COURSE WHO WOULD MISTER BERENGETT HAVE TO BOOK FOR HIM?
BRIAN NEWMAN. MR BERENGETT'S GIRLFRIEND'S FAVORITE.

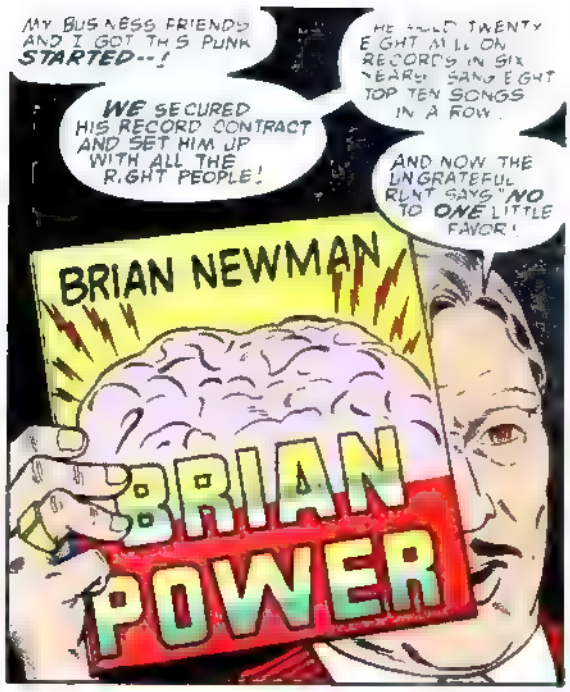
B BUT BRIAN NEWMAN HASN'T GIVEN A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN OVER FIVE YEARS!
HE'S A RECLUSE! AN ECCENTRIC! HE-HE WON'T EVEN TAKE MY CALLS ANYMORE! HE'S CRAZY!
HOW ABOUT I BOOK "GENETICS" OR, "REGINA"?
THEY'RE MY BIGGEST ACTS NOW. SHE'S NUMBER ONE WITH A BULLET THIS WEEK!

BRIAN NEWMAN.


DON'T DISAPPOINT MY EMPLOYER MR GRUSKA OR YOU'LL BE VERY SORRY WE'LL BE IN TOUCH
BUT I-- I-- OH...



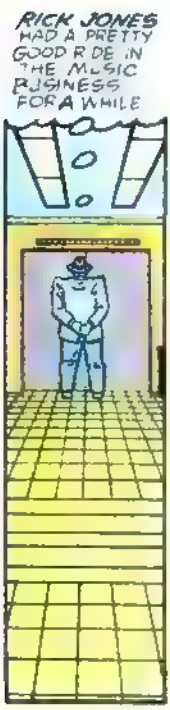

THAT LITTLE CHICKEN GRUSKA'S TAKEN OFF TO EUROPE FOR THREE MONTHS!
AND HIS OFFICE SAYS BRIAN NEWMAN CAN'T BE REACHED!
I REALLY WANTED TO SURPRISE SUZY FOR HER BIRTHDAY!
YOUR CALL NOW, MIKE. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NEXT?

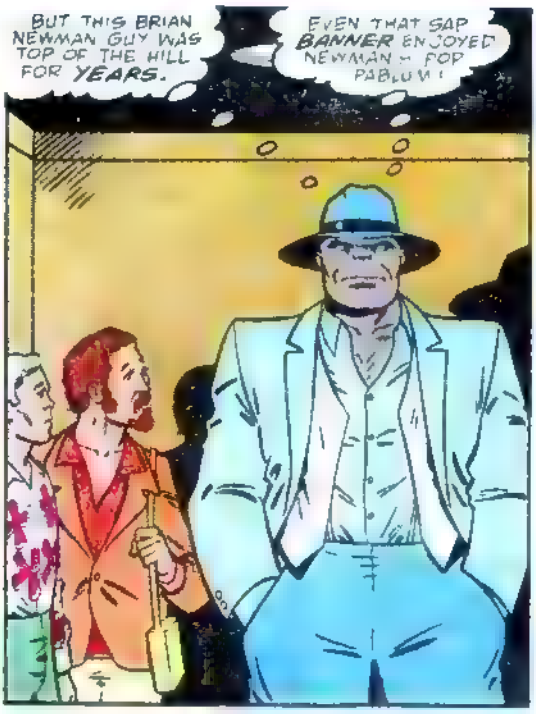

MY BUSINESS FRIENDS AND I GOT THIS PUNK STARTED--!
WE SECURED HIS RECORD CONTRACT AND SET HIM UP WITH ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE!
HE SOLD TWENTY EIGHT MILLION RECORDS IN SIX YEARS, SANG EIGHT TOP TEN SONGS IN A ROW.
AND NOW THE UNGRATEFUL RUNT SAYS "NO TO ONE LITTLE FAVOR!
BRIAN NEWMAN
BRIAN POWER

YOU WANT ME TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH HIM MIKE?
I WOULD LIKE THAT JOE I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE USUAL KIND OF PEOPLE YOU DEAL WITH FOR ME BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT!

NO SWEAT MIKE.
FOOM

THE NEXT NIGHT, SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA...
WAIT FOR ME THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.


RICK JONES HAD A PRETTY GOOD RIDE IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS FOR A WHILE


BUT THIS BRIAN NEWMAN GUY WAS TOP OF THE HILL FOR YEARS.
EVEN THAT SAP BANNER ENJOYED NEWMAN'S POP PABLUM!

AH WHY KNOCK? MAYBE I'LL INTERRUPT SOMETHING GOOD..
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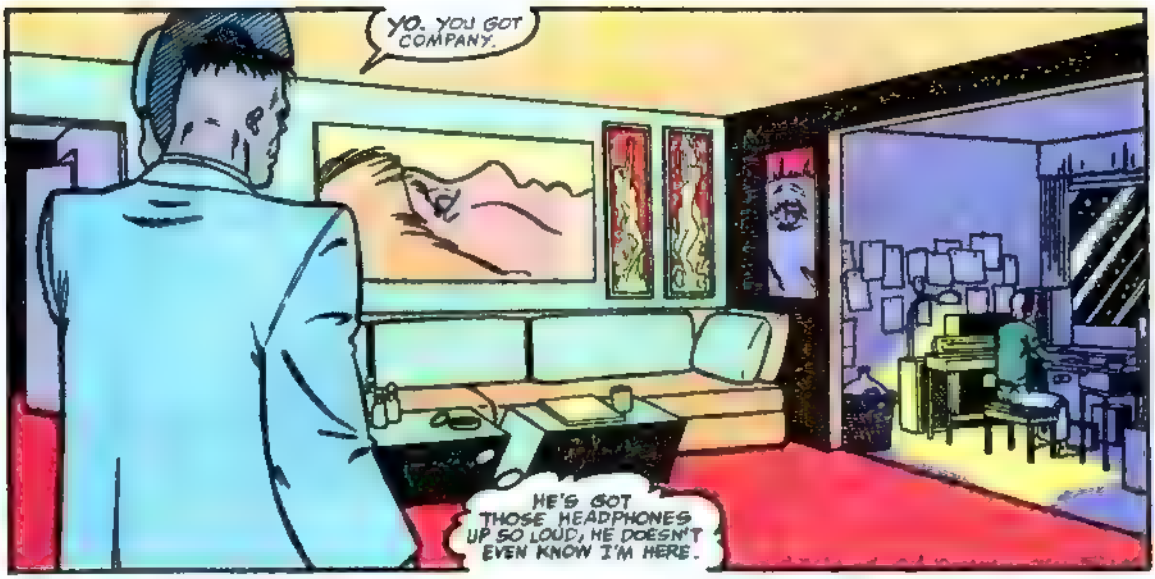
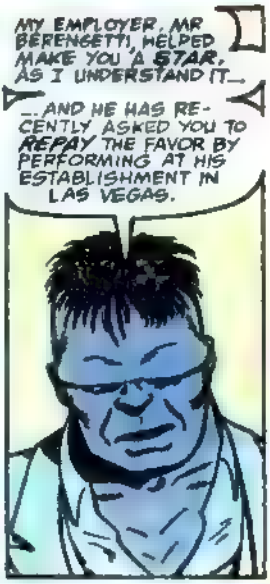

YO. YOU GOT COMPANY.
HE'S GOT THOSE HEADPHONES UP SO LOUD, HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I'M HERE.

POWER
KLIK

BRIAN NEWMAN, I PRESUME?
WHA? WHO'RE YOU? I DIDN'T ORDER ANYTHING!

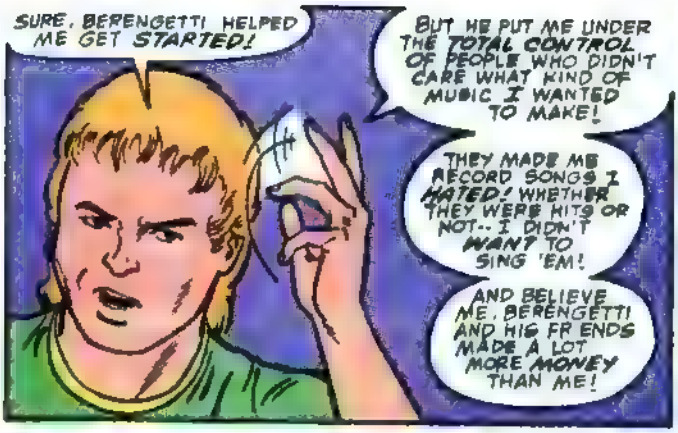
WELL, AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS DID THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT'S GOING ON?


MY EMPLOYER, MR BERENGETTI, HELPED MAKE YOU A STAR, AS I UNDERSTAND IT...
...AND HE HAS RECENTLY ASKED YOU TO REPAY THE FAVOR BY PERFORMING AT HIS ESTABLISHMENT IN LAS VEGAS.

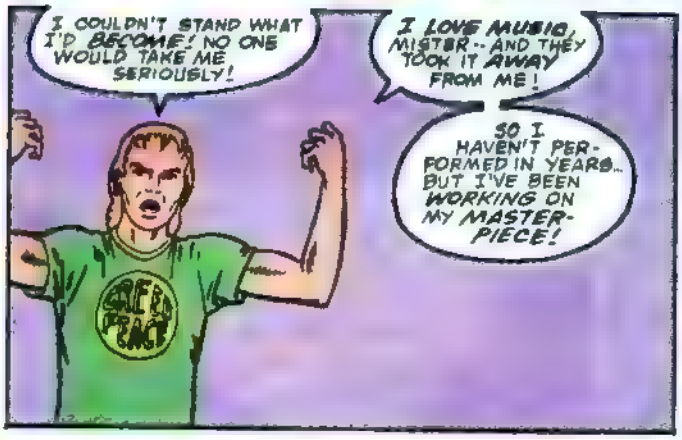
I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE REFUSED TO DO THAT. AM I RIGHT?
Uhhh, YES.
I THINK YOU SHOULD STRONGLY RECONSIDER.
WHY?

I NOTICE YOU PLAY THE PIANO -- MIGHT NOT BE TOO EASY WITH YOUR FINGERS BROKEN!
SHEESH! I SOUND LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF AN OLD JAMES CAGNEY MOVIE! THIS STUFF IS REALLY LOW FOR THE INCREDIBLE HULK!

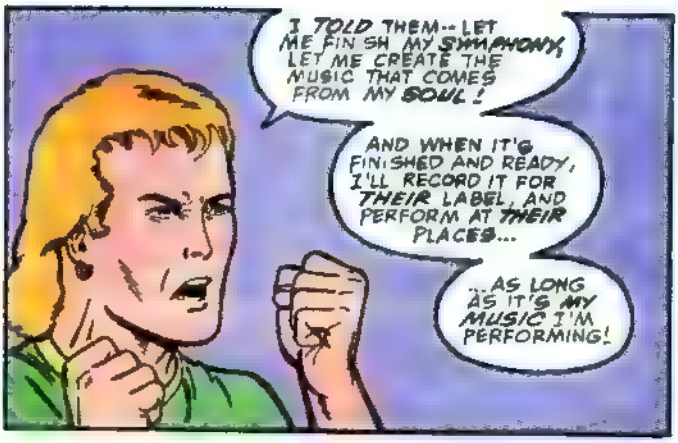
LOOK, I'VE EXPLAINED MY POSITION A HUNDRED TIMES! I'M NOT CHANGING MY MIND!
SO GO AHEAD IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR, GO AHEAD!
TIME FOR EXPLANATION 101. EXPLAIN IT TO ME!


SURE, BERENGETTI HELPED ME GET STARTED!
BUT HE PUT ME UNDER THE TOTAL CONTROL OF PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T CARE WHAT KIND OF MUSIC I WANTED TO MAKE!
THEY MADE ME RECORD SONGS I HATED! WHETHER THEY WERE HITS OR NOT-- I DIDN'T WANT TO SING 'EM!
AND BELIEVE ME, BERENGETTI AND HIS FRENDS MADE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN ME!

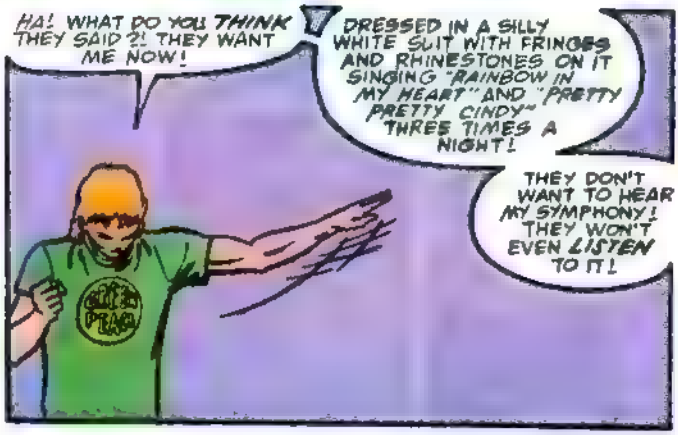
GEE, SOUNDS REALLY ROUGH. I'M CRYIN' FOR YA. GO ON...

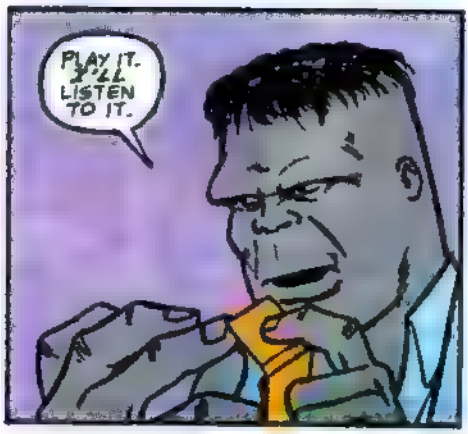

I COULDN'T STAND WHAT I'D BECOME! NO ONE WOULD TAKE ME SERIOUSLY!
I LOVE MUSIC, MISTER-- AND THEY TOOK IT AWAY FROM ME!
SO I HAVEN'T PERFORMED IN YEARS... BUT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY MASTERPIECE!

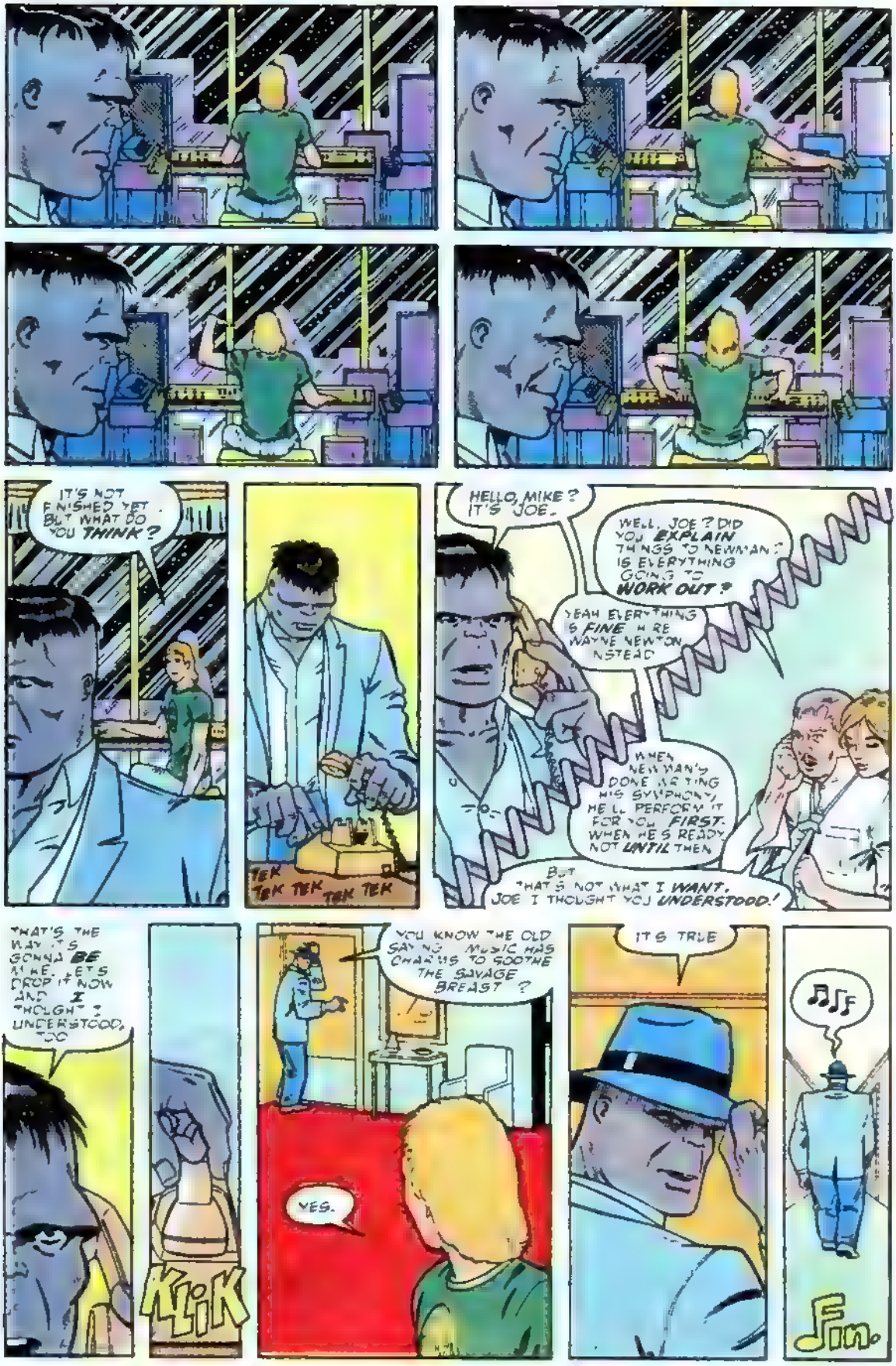
¡YAWN! GET TO THE POINT, PAL.

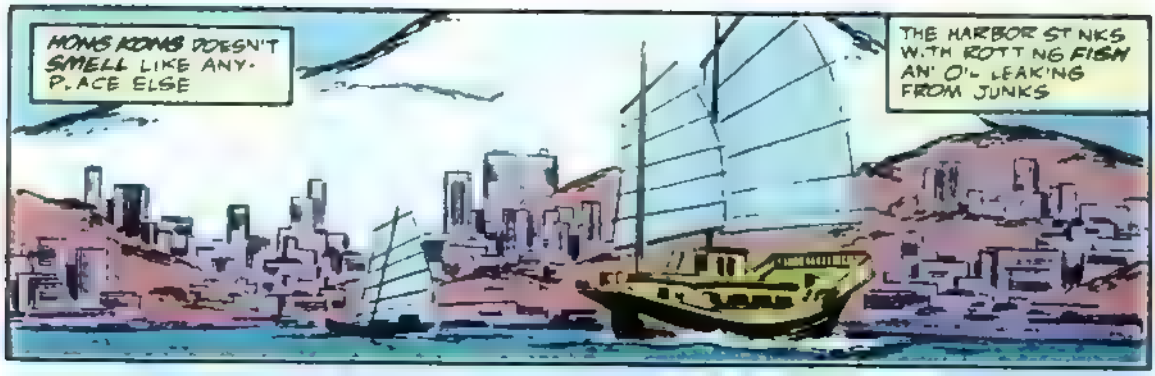

I TOLD THEM-- LET ME FINISH MY SYMPHONY, LET ME CREATE THE MUSIC THAT COMES FROM MY SOUL!
AND WHEN IT'S FINISHED AND READY, I'LL RECORD IT FOR THEIR LABEL, AND PERFORM AT THEIR PLACES...
...AS LONG AS IT'S MY MUSIC I'M PERFORMING!

AND WHAT DID THEY SAY?


HA! WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY SAID?! THEY WANT ME NOW!
DRESSED IN A SILLY WHITE SUIT WITH FRINGES AND RHINESTONES ON IT SINGING "RAINBOW IN MY HEART" AND "PRETTY PRETTY CINDY" THREE TIMES A NIGHT!
THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR MY SYMPHONY! THEY WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO IT!

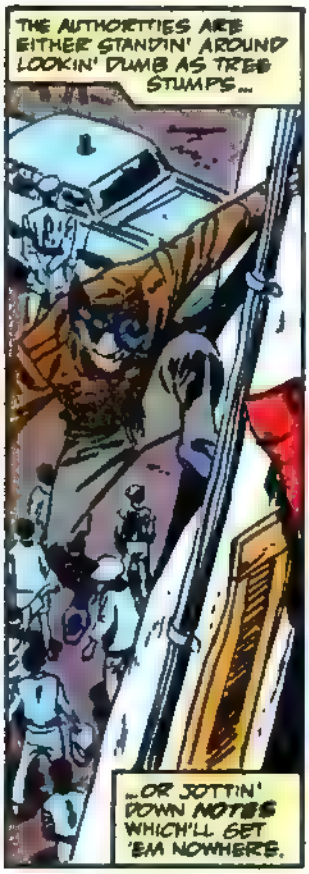

PLAY IT. I'LL LISTEN TO IT.


IT'S NOT FINISHED YET BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?
TEK TEK TEK TEK TEK
HELLO, MIKE? IT'S JOE.
WELL, JOE? DID YOU EXPLAIN THINGS TO NEWMAN? IS EVERYTHING GOING TO WORK OUT?
YEAH EVERYTHING'S FINE HERE WAYNE NEWTON INSTEAD
WHEN NEWMAN'S DONE WRITING HIS SYMPHONY HE'LL PERFORM IT FOR YOU FIRST. WHEN HE'S READY NOT UNTIL THEN
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT. JOE I THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD!
THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GONNA BE MIKE. LET'S DROP IT NOW AND I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD, TOO
KLIK
YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING MUSIC HAS CHARMS TO SOOTHE THE SAVAGE BREAST?
YES.
IT'S TRUE
♫♪♩
Fin.


HONG KONG DOESN'T SMELL LIKE ANYPLACE ELSE
THE HARBOR STINKS WITH ROTTING FISH AN' OIL LEAKING FROM JUNKS

MAYBE THE TOURISTS SEE SOME KIND OF EXOTIC WONDERLAND HERE BUT I'VE SEEN BETTER.
PLACES THAT DON'T REEK WITH FEAR.
PLACES THAT DON'T ROUSE THE BLOOD.

WOLVERINE in BLACK SHADOW! WHITE SHADOW!
BUT I DIDN'T TAKE THE TRANSPORT OVER FROM MADRIPOOR FOR THE SIGHTS.
AN' I CERTAINLY DIDN'T COME HERE EXPECTIN' TO FIND THIS --
-- AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK -- GONE! VAPORIZED!
CHAPTER ONE
THE KILLING GROUND!


THE AUTHORITIES ARE EITHER STANDIN' AROUND LOOKIN' DUMB AS TREE STUMPS...
...OR JOTTIN' DOWN NOTES WHICH'LL GET 'EM NOWHERE.

I CAN DO BETTER I'M A MUTANT WITH SENSES KEENER'N ANY ANIMAL'S.
GROUND TASTES LIKE HUMAN FLESH MIXED WITH CONCRETE AN' STEEL POWDER.

WHATEVER WENT THROUGH HERE DISINTEGRATED EVERYTHIN' IT TOUCHED.
I KEEP THINKING--WHO OR WHAT COULD'VE CAUSED THIS?

ONLY MY CONCENTRATION GETS INTERRUPTED BY SOME LOCAL COP BUCKIN' FOR A PROMOTION.
<YOU THERE, GET AWAY!>*
<THIS AREA'S BEEN SEALED OFF.>
<WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?>
* TRANSLATED FROM THE CHINESE.--TERRY

<CAPTAIN--SCAVENGERS!>
<THERE'S A MOB OF THEM...COMING THIS WAY!>
<WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS!

HONG KONG SCAVENGERS--LIKE RATS THEY COME OUTTA NOWHERE...
...TO STEAL WHATEVER THEY CAN, AN' THEN SQUIRM BACK INTO THEIR DARK, LITTLE HOLES.

THEY'RE LIKE CARRION, WAITIN' FOR DEATH TO CLEAN UP THE PICKINGS.

WUD!

WAK!

THIS AREA HOUSED THREE BANKS AND A JEWELRY STORE.

SO THEY WEREN'T GOING TO LET SOME COPS STOP 'EM FROM LOOTING WHATEVER WASN'T DESTROYED.

<YOU IDIOTS, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE-->

<STUPID POLICE-- OUT OF THE WAY!>

<UNNHH--THEY'RE NOT LOOKING!>

<TH-THEY'RE TRAMPLING EVERYWHER-- AGNNH!>

<SERGEANT! SERGEANT WING! HELP!>

<HEY, DON'T WORRY, LADY. I SEE YOU.>

<AND I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU-->

<--NOT IF YOU'RE NICE TO ME!>

〈GET AWAY FROM ME. I'M A POLICE OFFICER.〉
〈THAT SUPPOSED TO SCARE ME?〉
〈IF THAT DOESN'T, BUB--〉

〈--I WILL!〉
〈MAYBE YOU'RE BLIND IN BOTH EYES, CREEP--〉

〈--BUT THIS PUTS ME IN CONTROL HERE.〉
〈YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE, PAL--〉

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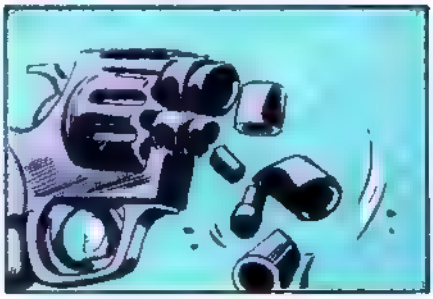
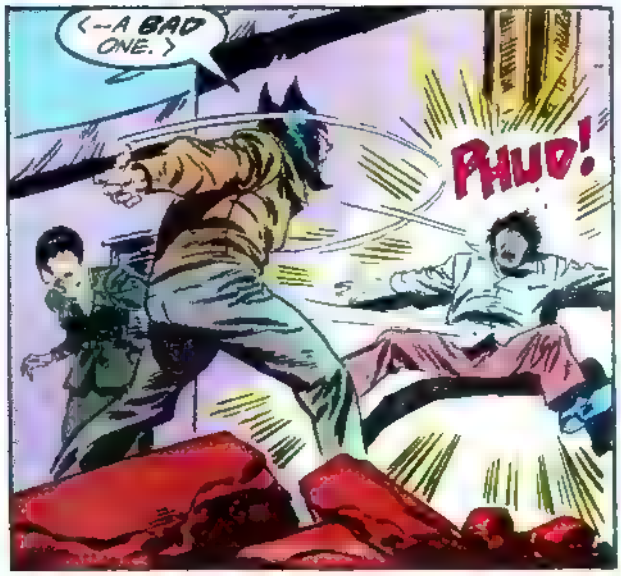
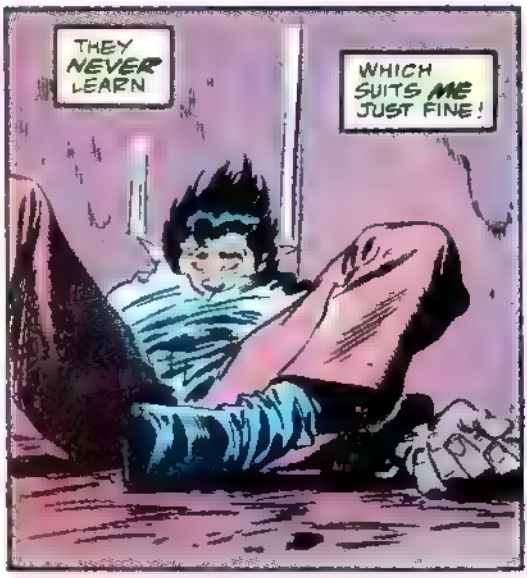
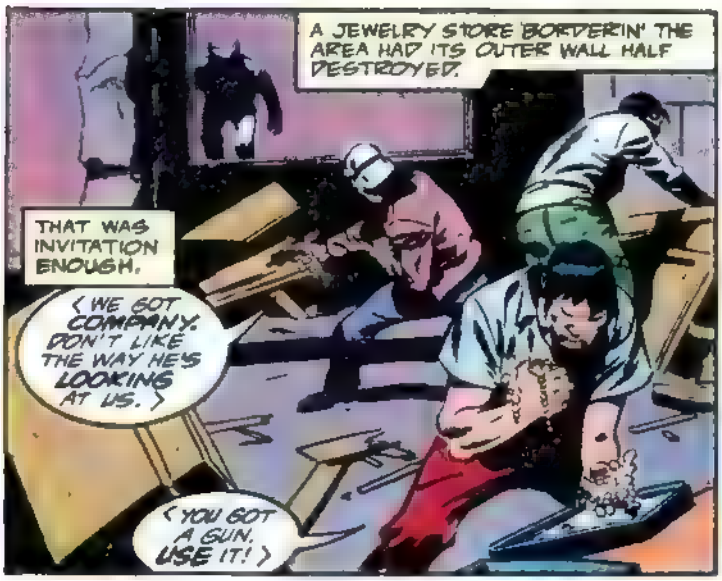


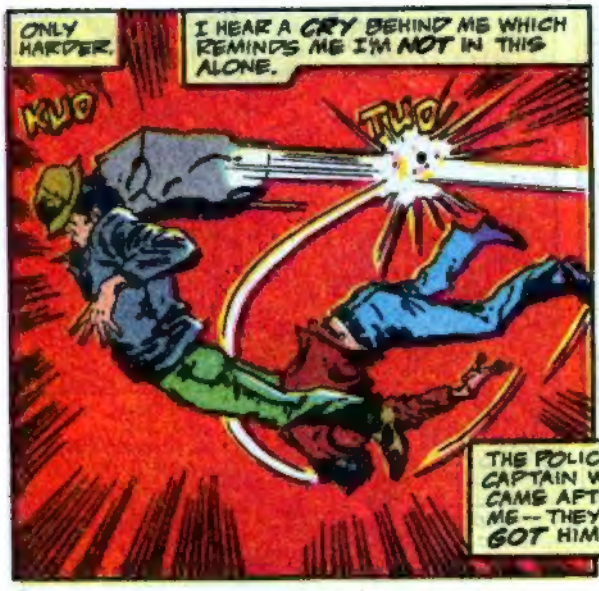

〈--A BAD ONE.〉
PHUD!


THEY NEVER LEARN
WHICH SUITS ME JUST FINE!


A JEWELRY STORE BORDERIN' THE AREA HAD ITS OUTER WALL HALF DESTROYED.
THAT WAS INVITATION ENOUGH.
<WE GOT COMPANY. DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S LOOKING AT US.>
<YOU GOT A GUN. USE IT!>
I COULD TAKE A BULLET OR TWO AN' MY MUTANT HEALING FACTOR WOULD SAVE ME--
--BUT NO NEED LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE...
...NOT WHEN TROUBLE KEEPS SEARCHIN' ME OUT
<MAN, HE MOVES LIKE LIGHTNING!>
<WH-WHAT IS HE?>
BAM BAM BAM
I'D TELL 'EM. BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'D UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF SCREWBALL GENETICS.
BAM BAM
BAM
BAM
SKRTCH
INSTEAD, I USE MY ADAMANTIUM CLAWS ON WHAT'S LEFT OF THE JEWELRY STORE WALL...
KA
ROOM
...AND LET GRAVITY TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I FEEL MY BLOOD PUMPIN', MY ADRENALINE SURGING.
I ALWAYS FEEL BEST WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST ME BUT I'M STILL ON THE WINNIN' SIDE.

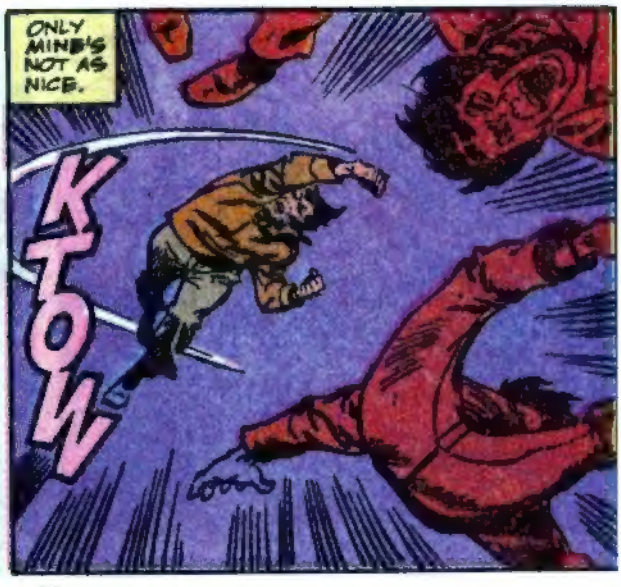
I DON'T LOOK FOR FIGHTS, BUT I DON'T SHIRK 'EM, EITHER.

PUSH ME, I PUSH BACK.
FOOT


ONLY HARDER.
I HEAR A CRY BEHIND ME WHICH REMINDS ME I'M NOT IN THIS ALONE.
KLO
THO
THE POLICE CAPTAIN WHO CAME AFTER ME -- THEY GOT HIM.

AND THEY WANT TO TEAR HIM APART.

BUT WHEN HE CAME AT ME, HE WAS JUST DOING HIS JOB.
NOW I GET TO DO MINE.


ONLY MINE'S NOT AS NICE.
KTOW

〈THERE'RE THE RIOTERS!〉
〈FAN OUT AND STOP THEM!〉
〈IF NECESSARY, USE FORCE!〉

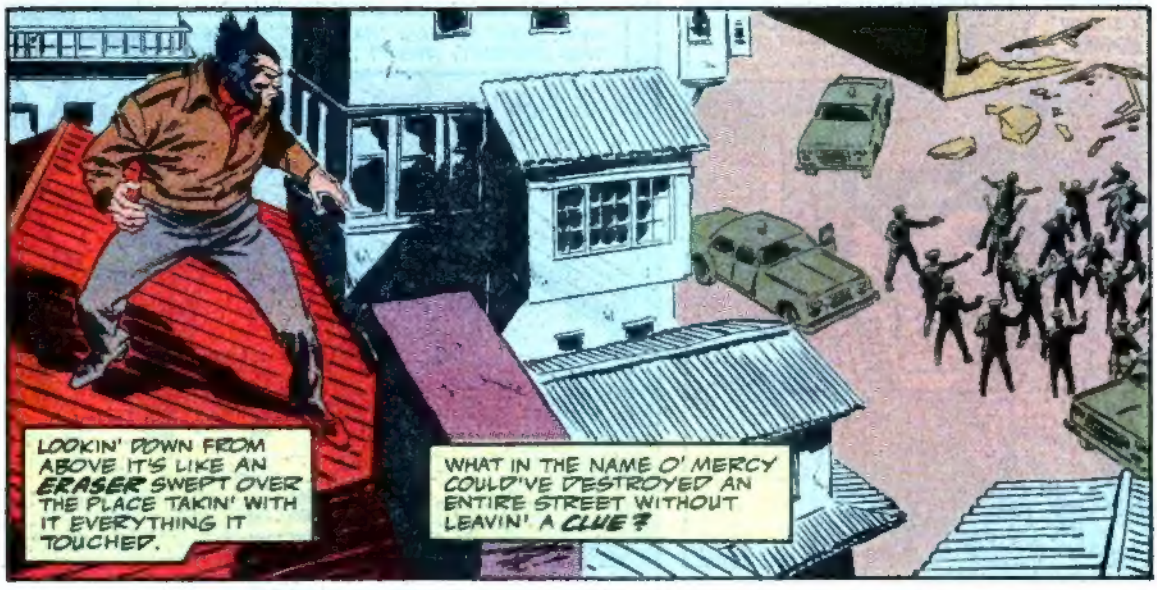
〈YOU THERE-- HANDS UP!〉
〈DID YOU HEAR ME?〉

〈I GOT EARS.〉
NO REASON TO FIGHT THE POLICE.
THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE ON THEIR HANDS.

WHATEVER IT WAS THAT VAPORIZED THIS STREET, MIGHT JUST RETURN.
〈STOP! DON'T MAKE US SHOOT!〉

BAM
BAM
BAM
〈NO!〉
〈LEAVE HIM ALONE!〉

〈WHOEVER HE IS, HE SAVED ME!〉
〈THAT'S CERTAINLY WORTH HIS LIFE!〉
WAK



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...AND THE ACTION BEGINS